GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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WATERSHED SCHEME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh had proposed watershed schemes aiming at preserving rain waters and improving ground water levels and also for helping the farmers of the districts affected by the dry spell conditions;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government have also been recognising the necessity of watershed in the State; and

(c) if so, the extent to which the Union Government have so far provided funds for the implementation of the said scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

(SHRI A. RAJA)

(a), (b) & (c) : There is no scheme titled as ` Watershed Scheme`. However, the Department of Land Resources is implementing the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) for development of wastelands/degraded lands on watershed basis. For the development of dry and arid areas of the country, the Department is implementing Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programme (DDP). All the three programmes are being implemented on the Guidelines for Watershed Development aiming at preserving rain waters and improving ground water levels and also for helping the farmers of the districts affected by the dry spell conditions recognising the necessity of watershed management. Funds provided to Andhra Pradesh State during the year 1999-2000 under the three Schemes are as under :

	Name of the schemes	Funds released (Rs. in lakhs)
I.	IWDP	949.98
II.	DPAP	2670.75
III.	DDP	437.06